Dewan's reply.—Will be noted in the P. W. D.

Subject No. 79.

Lands containing date trees and required for cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—Many assessed and unassessed lands containing date trees have been reserved for date groves in the Firkas of Vakkalgere, Kunkanad, Annur, Belgur, Panchanahalli, Singatagere, Madapura and Keresante in the Kadur Taluk. The trees in these parts were never tapped and are not likely to be ever tapped as they are too far to supply shops in other taluks. As the gomal lands are quite sufficient for toddy groves, the assessed lands, though containing date trees, should be given out for cultivation. This would benefit both raiyats and Government. Raiyats are willing to pay higher rate of assessment on such lands, if ordered.

Dewan's reply.—Steps are being taken to prepare lists of Survey numbers which contain the date groves required for the Toddy Revenue. As soon as these lists are completed, they will be published and all other lands declared available for cultivation.

Subject No. 80.

English School for Kadur

Summary of discussion.—A Government English School is required at Kadur.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered in the Education Department. Apply to the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 81.

Dispensary for Sakrepatna.

Summary of discussion.—A Dispensary is required at Sakrepatna, which is now eleven miles from the nearest Dispensary at Chikmagalur.

Dewan's reply.—The subject will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner before whom the question of constituting Sakrepatna into a Municipality is pending.

Subject No. 82.

Ten feet reserve behind tank bunds.

Summary of discussion.—A margin of ten feet wide is to be left uncultivated at the toe of the rear slope of bunds of all maidan tanks irrigating more than 20 acres of land. This rule causes hardship as the raiyats will have to lose so much land containing garden trees. The rule should therefore be relaxed.

[The Deputy Commissioner observed that he saw no reason for the alteration of the existing rules which allowed old trees to stand on the margin but only prevented cultivation which weakened the soil.]

Dewan's reply.—The existing rules are sufficient, and in practice, cause no hardship.

Subject No. 83.

Anikat and channel in Tangali village.

Summary of discussion.—The anikat and the channel drawn from it in Tangali village are in urgent need of repair. Large interests dependent upon them are suffering.

[The Deputy Commissioner observed that the necessary repairs are in hand in the P. W. D. and that steam pumps are awaited.]

Dewan's reply.—The subject will be commended to the P. W. D. for early attention.